

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-14 and 29-71 remain in the application. Claims 15-28 have been cancelled.

In item 2 on page 2 of the above-mentioned Office action, claims 15-16 have been rejected as being anticipated by Sugiyama et al. (US Pat. No. 5,406,888) under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

In item 3 on pages 2-3 of the above-mentioned Office action, claim 15 has been rejected as being anticipated by Kumaki et al. (Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 5-77412) under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

In item 5 on page 3 of the above-mentioned Office action, claims 18-19 and 23-24 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Sugiyama et al. and further in view of Rudewitz et al. (US Pat. No. 6,142,072) under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

In item 6 on page 4 of the above-mentioned Office action, claims 18, 20-21, 23, and 25-26 have been rejected as being

unpatentable over Sugiyama et al. in view of Haramia et al.  
(US Pat. No. 3,611,923) under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

In item 7 on pages 4-5 of the above-mentioned Office action,  
claim 28 has been rejected as being unpatentable over Sugiyama  
et al. and further in view of Beisel et al. (US Pat.  
No. 5,479,858) under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claims 15-28 have been cancelled.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's statement in item 8 on  
page 5 of the above-mentioned Office action that claims 1-14  
and 29-71 are allowed.

In view of the foregoing, an early issuance of a Notice of  
Allowance to claims 1-14 and 29-71 is solicited.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims  
to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate a telephone call  
so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

Petition for extension is herewith made. The extension fee  
for response within a period of one month pursuant to Section  
1.136(a) in the amount of \$120.00 in accordance with Section  
1.17 is enclosed herewith.

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Please charge any other fees which might be due with respect  
to 37 CFR Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of  
Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

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